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NEWS and NOTES

Membership

It is that time when the five dollar membership is due. We hope that all two hundred 1963-64 members renew. Now would be a good time for two hundred new members to join as well. As our membership grows, more and more advertisers are attracted. Also, more state agencies and schools will take note of our voice for the improvement of science teaching in the state.

Send your check for five dollars (three dollars for elementary teachers which does not include affiliation with the Iowa Academy of Science) along with the membership blank (page 24) to:

Mr. Lindy Solon
Central Junior High School
Ames, Iowa

Junior Academy Science Symposium

This fall marks the beginning of a new era in the Iowa Junior Academy of Science. With a modest grant from the National Science Foundation, it has been possible to organize a research participation program for talented high school students in Iowa. Members of the Senior Academy of Science are acting as research advisors for about seventy-five talented students. A few of these research positions are still available. However, the program will be operating full force before November 1.

The results of the research will be reported at the April meeting of the Academy. The Junior Academy will be holding a two day meeting which will be divided into several sections where the research will be reported. There will be guest speakers and recognition banquets as well.

In addition to the experimentation and other work during the year and the oral presentation of the study, a volume will be prepared which will be the **Proceedings of the Junior Academy**. Copies will be prepared for the home school libraries as well as the young scientists.

ISTA members should lead in this new program! Get top students interested! Write to R. E. Yager, SUI, for application materials.

Regional Meeting of NSTA

October 2 and 3 should find all science teachers in Des Moines at the Hotel Fort Des Moines. Dean Stroud has organized a very fine regional meeting for science teachers of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Nebraska as well as Iowa.

Four general sessions, commercial exhibits, discussions led by national leaders,

and associations with fellow teachers will highlight the meeting. NSTA President Helen Hale will be present, will deliver one of the featured speeches, and will be honored at a reception. Over twenty-four meetings are scheduled in special sessions. More than thirty exhibitors will be sharing new materials.

A list of speakers includes:

Dr. Carl S. Vestling, State University of Iowa; Dr. John S. Richardson, Ohio State University; Dr. Herbert Priestly, Knox College; Rev. Willard Dressel, Creighton University Prep School; Dr. Pauline Sauer, State College of Iowa; Dr. T. R. Porter, State University of Iowa; Dean Chalmer Roy, Iowa State University; Dr. J. W. Kercheval, State College of Iowa; Dr. C. C. Bowen, Iowa State University; Dr. Clifford McCollum, State College of Iowa; Dr. George H. Huff, Drake University; Dr. Sherwood Tuttle, State University of Iowa; Dr. Ward L. Sims, University of Nebraska; Dr. Karl Kammermeyer, State University of Iowa.

ISTA Representatives at National Meetings

Most of the ISTA officers were present at the Chicago NSTA meetings in April. The official representatives were our president and vice-president. They will be giving a report at our ISTA meeting October 16.

We also had several representatives at the 1963 CASMT convention. R. E. Yager is a member of the board of directors of CASMT as well as the ISTA representative to the Association. Several other members attended the convention.

Three ISTA member also represented us at the NABT meetings in Amherst (AIBS) and Cleveland (AAAS). Perhaps official reports will be received at the fall meeting.

Election by Mail

This will be the first attempt at electing ISTA officers by means of a mail ballot. It is the hope of the Executive Committee that such an election will involve the total membership—including those unable to meet in Des Moines as a section of ISEA. The effectiveness of this practice depends upon your return of the ballot as soon as it reaches you!

In-Service Programs

The National Science Foundation sponsors In-Service Institutes for the in-service growth of science and mathematics teachers. Drake University and the State University of Iowa have sponsored such programs dur-